

Arkansas City Equal Opportunity and Accessibility Advisory Board
8/12/2021 Minutes

A regular meeting was held **Thursday, August 12, 2021**, at the Water Treatment Facility. The meeting was called to order at **4 p.m.**

Roll Call:

Board Members

Bob Baker	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ethan Bartlett	<input type="checkbox"/>
JoAnn Bierle	<input type="checkbox"/>
James Fry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Anita Judd-Jenkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tammy Lanman-Henderson (by telephone)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Frances "Rags" Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Staff Liaisons

Mike Bellis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mike Crandall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Randy Frazer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Evan Haney	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andrew Lawson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tony Tapia	<input type="checkbox"/>
Josh White	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1. Approve July Regular Meeting Minutes:

Rags made a motion to approve the minutes of the **July 8, 2021**, regular meeting as written. Anita seconded the motion, which was approved **4-0** on a voice vote. Tammy said Ethan recently called her to say he will be resigning from the Board.

2. Direct Support Professionals Week Proclamation:

Andrew said this proclamation will be issued by the City Commission at **5:30 p.m. September 7** in the commission room at City Hall. This week will be officially observed on **September 12-18**. Several Board members said they hope to attend.

3. Select 2022 Tacolalah Executive Committee Member:

Rags made a motion to appoint **Tammy Lanman-Henderson** as the Board's new representative to the Tacolalah Committee, with **Anita Judd-Jenkins** serving as an alternate. Anita seconded the motion, which was approved **4-0** on a voice vote.

The first regular 2022 Tacolalah Executive Committee meeting will be at **noon August 19** at the Water Treatment Facility.

3. Comprehensive Plan Discussion:

Andrew and Josh asked if the Board if they had any comments or questions regarding **Chapter 6**, "Infrastructure and Transportation," or **Chapter 7**, "Community Health." Rags said she is having trouble finding volunteers to assess sidewalks. Josh showed the Board an online web form he developed through which people can easily report sidewalk problems or needs. Mike C. talked about some webinars he recently attended on ADA and ADA advisory boards. There were some good ideas shared, but finding adequate funding to replace sidewalks, ADA ramps and curbs remains the biggest challenge to the City.

4. Review ADA Transition Plan: Arkansas City Recreation Center

The Board discussed the Arkansas City Recreation Center some more. A structural engineer will assess the north building.

8. Other Miscellaneous Items:

Andrew asked if changes are needed in the final draft of the redesigned Fair Housing flier. The Board will help distribute it.

Fall Cleanup Day has not been set yet but likely will be sometime in **October**. (**Note:** This event was later set for **October 9**.)

Andrew said there was a good community turnout for the City's Housing Inter-Agency Committee (HIAC) meeting in **July**.

Andrew and Randy summarized the findings of the Paris Park Pool study with the Board. Andrew said it is mainly a City Commission and Recreation Commission concern. He mentioned the pool's ADA concerns were ranked No. 2 in importance.

Andrew said the City Hall elevator is finally being replaced. There will be no ADA access to upper floors during this work.

Rags made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tammy seconded the motion, which was approved **4-0** on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at **5:51 p.m.** The next meeting of the Equal Opportunity and Accessibility Advisory Board will be at **4 p.m. Oct. 14, 2021**.